



February 1, 2016

To: Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood
From: Oregon Housing Authorities
RE: Support of SB 1582 and Development of Affordable Housing Units

Chair Gleser, Vice-Chair Olsen and Members of the Committee:

Oregon needs to be a place where everyone can find a safe and afford place to call home. Our schools, businesses and communities thrive when people can focus on their lives, not where they're going to sleep at night. All across our state, we are facing a shortage of affordable housing that is crippling our communities and increasing homelessness and instability.

When the state steps up to help develop affordable units, it takes pressure off of the market and benefits all of us. SB 1582 gives the State needed guidance around an important new tool for developing affordable housing.

We urge your support of this measure.

Sincerely,

The Oregon Housing Authorities